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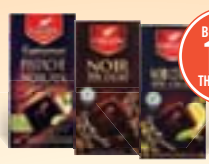

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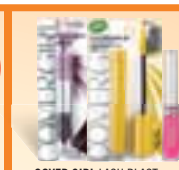

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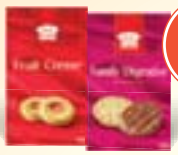

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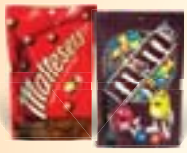

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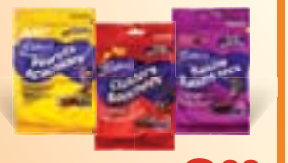

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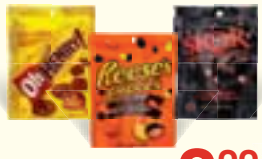

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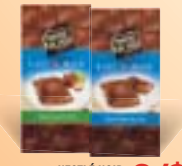

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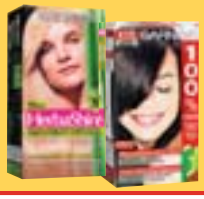

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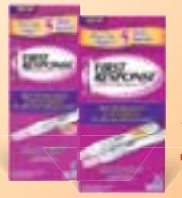

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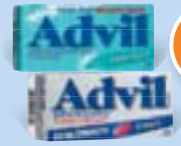

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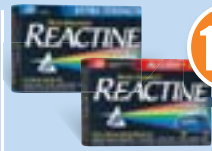

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- Denise B., Calgary

To anyone out there... if you are in need of back surgery... do yourself a favour and check out decompression! I can't stress it enough... IT WORKS! They are great, wonderful people who care about your well-being.

- Andrea S., Victoria

I always had back problems for 10 years and everyday got worse. But in Sept. 2009 I saw CDPC and started treatment. I felt better after the first treatments, and now after five treatments, I feel a good improvement. It is less painfull, I sleep better at night, and most improvement is that I can walk with no pain.

- Johanne T., Vancouver

I have had 6 sessions with CDPC. The pain (which I have endured for the previous 15 years) has almost completely dissipated. As well, my posture has noticeably straightened. I anticipate a complete and lasting pain-free existence once the balance of treatments has been completed.

- Michael P., Vancouver

I have had a lot of problems with my lower back and with my sciatic nerve... I heard about CDPC and made an appointment... I progressed from severe pain to very little pain over the treatment program! I would recommend this treatment to anyone have lower back problems.

- Kenneth R., Edmonton

I will be forever grateful…the pain was excruciating and debilitating…I used to tell my friends and family that if I could cut off my leg I would…And then a miracle happened. I made an appointment for a consultation. The rest is history!!!! I have not had a painkiller in weeks…I am actually looking forward to being able to dance again.

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▶ B.C. Place before and after deflation, as seen from the Hampton Inn on Beatty Street. Story, page 2.

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Raising the roof on B.C. Place

B.C. Place's new retractable roof is starting to take shape with the installation (above) of the first of 36 masts that will support the new structure. The stadium's air-supported dome (below) was deflated three months ago.

Premiers talk turkey on cash

Stimulus spending subject for provincial leaders {page 8}

Director eyes mainland China

Hong Kong filmmaker seeks to tap large youth market {page 19}

Chair fixed after flurry of tweets

▶ Air Canada repairs wheelchair 'trashed' during flight after boy's aunt goes online ▶ Campaign becomes 'trending' topic on Twitter in Canada

A Kamloops boy confined to a New York hotel bed after his customized wheelchair was dismantled while travelling with Air Canada had it repaired and returned Thursday following a Twitter campaign.

Tanner Bawn, 10, has Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. He was heading to New York from Toronto to watch a group of bloggers take part in Tutus for Tanner, a charity run planned Friday in Central Park to raise money for the boy.

At LaGuardia Airport they discovered the wheelchair had been dismantled, seemingly beyond repair.

"They killed it," Catherine Connors, Bawn's aunt, said.

She immediately took to Twitter creating a flurry of reaction.

Air Canada said an all-night repair service in New York fixed the chair. The company also said it would make one of Bawn's wishes come true.

"We know Tanner's No. 1 personal wish is to go to Disney World, so we'll be making that happen for him and his cousins," said spokesman Peter Fitzpatrick. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Tanner Bawn on his customized $15,000 power wheelchair, on which he is completely dependent.

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HST to benefit B.C. film industry

Members of the Lower Mainland's film industry are backing the new HST, saying the controversial tax offers incentive to Hollywood producers to film here and gives the local industry a much-needed boost.

Before the HST, film productions in B.C. were exempt from paying GST, but paid the provincial sales tax.

Peter Leitch, president of North Shore Studios, said some parts of movie production are HST exempt. Studios, producers, equipment rental shops, set-builders and caterers now enjoy savings.

"(These services) will see all costs go down with harmonization, making them more competitive and helping to grow their business and jobs," he said.

With the new tax's additional seven per cent tax saving for studios, British Columbia has become more competitive with film centres in Ontario and the United States, he added.

In 2009, nearly 420 films and shows were shot in B.C., generating more than $1.3 billion in production spending.

More than $1 billion of this spending was from non-Canadian productions.

● KRISTEN THOMPSON AND JENNIFER O'CALLAGHAN

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▶ Peter Leitch, Motion Picture Production Industry Association of British Columbia chair, at North Shore Studios on Thursday.

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper plays down talk of an election as Tories meet for their summer caucus. Video at metronews.ca/canada.

B.C. Place roof on time, on budget

- New roof will have 35 km of cable
- Each is thicker than the cable used in Whistler's Peak to Peak gondola

With the first of 36 masts now installed along the gaping stadium rim above B.C. Place, the head of PavCo said Thursday that construction of the $465-million retractable roof is on time and on budget.

Chair David Podmore said the project's hard deadline is the November 2011 Grey Cup and added that 95 per cent of the contracts for the project have now been awarded.

The roof, which is only part of the $563-million renovation of B.C. Place, should be completed by mid to late summer. Finishing work on the surrounding plazas (including the Terry Fox Plaza) and the stadium's windows could continue into the fall.

Podmore called the project the most complicated that he's ever been associated with. He said the main difference between the project and other cable-supported retractable roofs is that B.C. Place will be constructed to withstand the heavy wet snow that (occasionally) falls during a West Coast winter. The roof is designed to slough off snow and will hold as much as seven-million kilograms.

"(It) will be the largest retractable roof of its kind in the world. It will extend the life of B.C. Place for at least 40 years and potentially much longer."
PAVCO CHAIR DAVID PODMORE

● JEFF HODSON

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▶ PavCo Chair David Podmore explains the roof improvements to B.C. Place Thursday morning.

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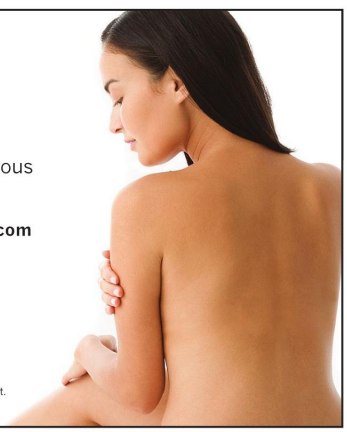

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Ready for the Zac Attack?

Tweens, teens and Zac Efron lovers will get an opportunity to taste the heartthrob — in the form of a hotdog.

The "Zac Attack" dog is said to have been designed by Efron himself on May 20 when the actor visited Dougie Dog on Granville Street. It consists of a hotdog wiener topped with guacamole, onions, tomatoes, Swiss cheese and banana peppers.

The hotdog was presented to Efron on his 22nd birthday by Dougie Dog owners Dougieluv and Paul Granat, who was also Efron's personal baseball coach during the filming of Charlie St. Cloud.

Dougieluv said he plans to start selling the Zac Attack this Friday.

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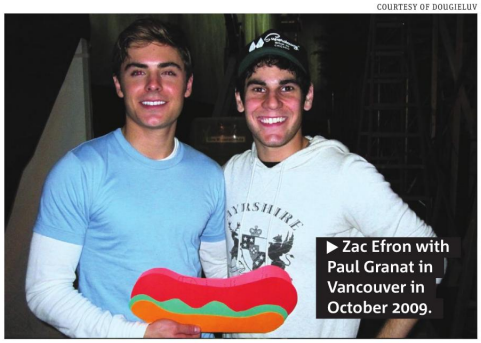

▶ Zac Efron with Paul Granat in Vancouver in October 2009.

Living in a dog-bite-dog world

▶ Police dog was attacked during a roadside check ▶ Pit bull's owner could face fine of up to $2,000

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A Surrey RCMP police dog is recovering with stitches in his neck after being attacked by an unleashed pit bull during a roadside check.

Officers were inspecting a vehicle at 81 Avenue when a pit bull ran into the car and started attacking police dog Atos, according to RCMP.

Officers used pepper spray to get the pit bull under control.

"Our Police Service Dogs are a vital component of our operations," said Sgt. Chris Moore with the Lower Mainland Police Dog Services.

"It is (pet owners') responsibility to ensure their dogs are properly secured."

The owner of the pit bull could face a fine of up to $2,000.

Police dogs

- It costs $75,000 to $80,000 to train RCMP police dogs.
- Police dogs are in service from around 1½ years old to eight years.
- When they retire, police dogs are placed with suitable families, depending on their injuries and medical needs, if any.

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▶ Atos the police dog is on the mend after being attacked by a pit bull.

Woman, 75, dies in chairlift incident

A 75-year-old woman has died after an incident involving a chairlift in Whistler on Thursday.

RCMP Sgt. Peter Thiessen said Thursday night it wasn't clear at that time whether the victim fell from a moving chair or if she was struck by the mechanism.

He added the circumstances of the woman's death are still being investigated.

Some of the chairlifts at Whistler Blackcomb operate during the summer for sightseeing.

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News in brief

Fisherman swept away

CHILLIWACK RIVER. A fisherman drowned on the Chilliwack River after he was swept away when his hip waders filled up with water.

Bystanders failed to rescue the man because the weight of the water trapped in his waders made him too heavy.

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Crackdown on fare evaders?

TRANSIT. City councillors in Richmond are calling for a crackdown on transit fare evaders until fare gates are built.

In 2009, around 24,000 people were caught riding the system without paying. ● KRISTEN THOMPSON

News in pictures

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1 Smoke obscures Stanley Park as a cargo ship passes under the Lions Gate Bridge Thursday. An air-quality advisory was issued due to smoke from wildfires. ● METRO VANCOUVER

2 The introduction of the HST may be to blame for slowing down the B.C. housing market in July, according to a survey by Royal LePage Real Estate Services. Many realtors said home buyers are confused about the new tax. ● METRO VANCOUVER

3 Police found 27 empty beer and cooler cans in a ski boat that crashed into a houseboat on Shuswap Lake last month, killing the houseboat's driver, court documents reveal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

4 A 12-year-old boy has been charged with setting a car on fire in an area surrounded by dry vegetation near Prince George. The boy said he did it because he was "bored," RCMP said. ● JENNIFER O'CALLAGHAN

5 Joggers in a preview run to promote Sunday's 14th annual Wreck Beach Bare Buns five-kilometre Run and Walk fundraiser. Registration for the clothing-optional event starts at 9 a.m. ● NATASHA POON

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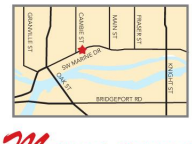

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Under the Volcano fest set to end with a blast

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▶ Sara and Tegan play the Under the Volcano Festival at Cates Park in Deep Cove in 2008. Three thousand attendees are expected at this year's final bash.

Festival has supported the 'real work of activists,' organizer says

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Twenty years of pairing music with social activism erupts for a final time Sunday as the annual Under the Volcano music fest takes to Cates Park in Deep Cove.

"It's going to be a very emotional day for all of us," said producer and artistic director Meegan Maultsaid, who has been involved with the event for 15 years.

"It's going to be a hole in our lives certainly."

Pouring rain last year hurt attendance and cost the not-for-profit organizers $17,000. While the financial hit may have exposed the danger of a by-donation concert, organizers decided to step away from the festival to focus their efforts on smaller projects based on the same theme of music and activism.

Police seek help in finding visitors' van

An elderly couple from Wisconsin has lost most of their possessions and mementos after their motorhome was stolen from the 1800 block of Francis Street overnight on Aug. 1, say Vancouver police.

Police are asking the public to keep an eye out for a brown camper van with plates that read RDTRPRS, which sounds like "road trippers."

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▶ Stolen van

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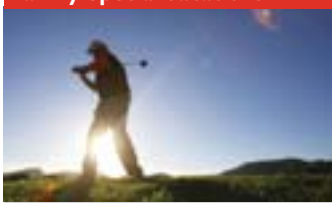

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Premiers talk cash

Long-form census on table as provincial heads talk stimulus spending at annual meeting

Canada's premiers say the private sector needs to step up when the federal government snaps shut its pocketbook on stimulus spending, but the leaders are all over the map on how Ottawa should wind things down.

A $47-billion package to boost the economy was introduced in January 2009, but the federal cash register is to close March 31. Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty suggested Thursday it's time for others to take over.

"It's not the job of the government to act as a permanent driver of economic growth," McGuinty said at the annual premiers meeting in Winnipeg. "Think of this year as the hand-off year. We're going to run as quickly and hard as we can in this relay race and on March 31, 2011, we're going to give the baton to the private sector."

But McGuinty added it would be wrong to say projects partly completed can't be finished because of the March deadline.

British Columbia Premier Gordon Campbell suggested that companies and businesses may need some encouragement.

"Governments have done a lot to stimulate the economy. Now it's time for the private sector to step up and governments to try and take down unnecessary burdens ... and barriers for the private sector to invest," he said.

On Friday, the premiers are expected to discuss climate change and the federal government's decision to replace the long-form census with a voluntary one. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty talks provincial politics Thursday at the opening meeting of the annual premiers meeting in Winnipeg. Canada's premiers are in Winnipeg this week to discuss economic and social policies.

The Elephant...

Quebec Premier Jean Charest said health care is the elephant in the room.

▶ "It's 43 per cent or 44 per cent of the program spending budget for me. It's a lot of money and the challenges are real so we need to get our heads around this," Charest said.

Changes to lobbying

Regulations restricting former cabinet ministers and their staffs from pitching the government for corporate and personal interests will now apply to all MPs and senators, as well as staff in the Opposition leader's office, Treasury Board president Stockwell Day said Thursday.

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News in brief

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▶ University of North Carolina is doing a baseline study for oil along N.C.'s beaches.

Permanent plug for BP oil well

NEW ORLEANS. BP says it has started to pump cement down the throat of the blown-out Gulf of Mexico well in hopes of sealing it for good.

The company said Thursday it started to shove cement down the well at 9:15 Central time from pipes attached to ships a mile above.

Crews on Wednesday had forced down the oil in the well with mud sent down from the pipes.

BP engineers had wrestled with whether to send cement down the well immediately as part of the so-called "static kill" or wait until an 18,000-foot relief well is finished this month.

Either way, federal officials said they planned to pump the mud and cement down the well to forever suffocate the source of the oil. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canadian helicopter bursts into flames

KANDAHAR, AFGHANISTAN. Eight soldiers suffered minor injuries Thursday after a Canadian Chinook helicopter was forced to make a hard landing and burst into flames near a remote village southwest of Kandahar city.

There were five crew members and 15 passengers on board the Chinook CH147 that landed near the village of Armarah, about 20 kilometres away from Afghanistan's second-largest city. The five crew members included two pilots and three door gunners.

Taliban spokesman Qari Yousef Ahmadi claimed insurgents shot down the aircraft with a rocket.

Maj. Daryl Morrell, senior public affairs officer for Task Force Kandahar, refused to give credence to the Taliban claims, saying an investigation was necessary. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Harper focused on economy, not election

Stephen Harper says the economy will be his top priority this fall.

The prime minister — in a brief speech to Conservative MPs and senators at a summer caucus Thursday — said the Canadian economy is recovering, but the global situation remains fragile.

Harper said the economy is recovering and "Canadian solutions are leading the way globally."

Harper showed no appetite for a fall election, saying Canadians want him to concentrate on the challenges facing the country. "We know there are some in the opposition coalition again threatening an election. But, colleagues, that is not what Canadians want," he said to applause. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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New polls suggest the recent Tory lead in the polls has evaporated and the government has fallen below 30 per cent popularity.

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Each passing day reminds me just how much the government takes us for idiots — by playing with words.

DAVID DESCÔTEAUX

Take the case of corporate welfare. In a recent press release, the government said it was granting a "non-repayable loan" to a multinational. Translation: They "lent" millions of your tax dollars to IBM or Warner Brothers, but those companies have no obligation to reimburse you. Only problem: It's not true.

What do you expect? If politicians told you they take your money to give to millionaires, they would have a hard time getting re-elected. But it gets worse.

A study by the Frontier Centre reveals that even the money (your money) they give to multinationals in loans that are "repayable" ... still doesn't get paid back!

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Bah! Who cares, you say. These are loans. The money will come back eventually, right? Wrong.

In 28 years, Canadian companies have paid back only $1.9 billion of the $18 billion loaned out — 10 per cent of the total. These loans are often granted without interest. Collectively, we sacrifice millions of dollars we could earn by investing that money elsewhere.

Even worse: Since our government is drowning in debt, it must borrow from the markets — at interest — to find the money. The total bill for taxpayers ends up much higher than the $18-billion "loan."

Meanwhile, each day brings another misleading press release. On March 31, 2009, Industry Canada announced a "repayable investment" of $250 million to CAE, a provider of flight simulators.

But when you dig a little, you discover that this gift is repayable ... "conditionally." If CAE sells enough simulators, the company will reimburse us. Otherwise, kiss that money goodbye.

We can argue about the effectiveness of corporate subsidies. But if politicians prefer giving our tax dollars to big business instead of improving health care or lowering taxes, they should bite the bullet and do so openly and honestly.

Economic superpower. China

▶ Containers are loaded onto a cargo ship at the Tianjin port in China Thursday.

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Global power shifting

China is set to overtake Japan as the world's second-largest economy in a resurgence that is changing everything from the global balance of military and financial power to how cars are designed.

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It's just a loonie illusion

The Canadian dollar is taking yet another run at parity. But analysts note it's more illusion than reality.

The currency has been generally on a winning streak relative to the U.S. dollar since it traded as low as 93.65 cents US a month ago.

It has been on the move again this week. But the analysts caution that's against the U.S. dollar. Against all major currencies, the loonie is flying well under the radar.

Royal Bank currency strategist David Watt says the Canadian dollar has been the worst performing of the world's major currencies since mid-June, with the exception of the greenback.

Watt says while the loonie is doing well against the U.S. dollar, the euro and the currencies of Sweden, Britain, Switzerland, Japan, Australia and New Zealand are doing much better.

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▶ Is a muscular loonie more illusion than reality?

Bell goes Solo in cellphone battle

Bell Canada will relaunch its wireless Solo brand to attract more basic cellphone users.

It also expects to boost its television subscribers with the launch of an all-digital Internet Protocol TV service.

BCE chief executive George Cope said Thursday he was caught off guard by Rogers' recent launch of Chatr, with its unlimited talk and text plan.

But Bell, Cope said, will fight back with Solo's unlimited talk and text service this month.

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▶ A BlackBerry vendor waits for customers in Jakarta, Indonesia, on Thursday.

Blackberry talks set

The U.S. will hold technical talks with the United Arab Emirates and other countries about their plans to ban email services on the Canadian-made BlackBerry, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said Thursday, CBC News Online reports.

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▶ Kevin Costner and his band will perform a free show at the PNE Aug. 21.

5 MINUTES WITH: KEVIN COSTNER

We know what Kevin Costner can do behind the camera. Soon, we'll find out what he can do on stage, too. The Hollywood movie star is bringing his band Kevin Costner & Modern West to the PNE for a free show Aug. 21. Costner spoke to Metro about his band — and life as a music star.

Are you enjoying life on the road as a musician?
I don't enjoy life on the road. I really enjoy performing, but part of the job is not just singing — part of the job is being on the road … the small planes, the connecting flights, the layovers, no, I don't like that. I don't know that anybody would — I guess if you were single, you might think that was fun. But I have a lot of strings attached to me that I have to get back home to.

As far as balancing your time right now, is it more music than movies or movies than music?
It's more music right now. What I find myself doing is writing a lot of movies. I have about four or five movies now that I could direct, so I've been doing that. I've been developing a cartoon that I hope will hit the light of day. I manage to do a lot of different things and enjoy doing all of them.

How would you describe your sound and has it evolved?
For me it isn't just country — it's more rock 'n' roll with the way we've grown up with our urban roots.

Who were your musical influences growing up?
They were really across the board. The first music I was introduced to was Motown. But in the 1960s, I loved the Four Seasons, I loved the Beatles, I loved the Doors, I loved Cream. I loved the singer-songwriters — Carol King and James Taylor.

What is tougher? Performing on stage in front of crowd or behind the camera for a movie?
You can compare them but I don't know which is tougher. I can tell you that you can be brutalized when you play live. That's why you see a lot of musicians who are able to go into acting — because they can do eight takes and no one is going to see the bad seven takes. That doesn't happen on stage.

PHILIP CROUCHER

Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER

This is your sport on drugs

Letters & Tweets

TORONTO. It's a sad disgrace that drug abusers like A-Roid (Alex Rodriguez), Mark McGwire, Barry Bonds, Sammy Sosa, etc., are routinely mentioned alongside legends like Hank Aaron, Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig, who achieved what they did without the use of performance-enhancing chemicals.

If there were any justice in this world, the steroid boys would have their records expunged and serve some time in jail.

Unfortunately, our society quietly condones the use of dope because of the billions of dollars to be made from its sale that finds its way through the corridors of power.

LARRY ROBERTS

We asked: Lady Gaga: Hot or not?

EDMONTON. @schultzam: you kidding me? No, lady gaga is beautiful inside, underneath all of the ugly dramatic costumes and makeup man …

We asked: What book would you like to see made into a movie.

TORONTO. Marc H. Stevens' book Escape, Evasion And Revenge: The True Story Of A German Jewish RAF Pilot Who Bombed Berlin And Became A POW.

JANIS GOODMAN

A-Rod or A-Fraud?

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If you were a character on a TV show, who would you be? Why?

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They will be celebrating the milestone anniversary with Grammy Award-winner Poncho Sanchez.

The festival runs until Aug. 15. For more, visit musicfestvancouver.ca.

JENNIFER O'CALLAGHAN

Three days to play

THIRTEEN UBC EMPLOYEES HAVE RECENTLY BEEN SUSPENDED FOR UP TO 10 DAYS FOR LOOKING AT PORN AT WORK. HOW SHOULD EMPLOYERS REACT?

Tanya Bovenlander
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The office is not a place to do that at all. In my office you cannot access certain sites, there are security measures.

Raymond Wong
VANCOUVER
Employees should be warned, not fired. The employers should block it and other social networking sites.

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▶ Julia Roberts goes on a soul-searching journey across the world in Eat Pray Love, in theatres next week.

Eat, pray and fall in love with Julia

Glee creator opens up about adapting bestseller into a film starring Julia Roberts ◐ Eat Pray Love director contemplates if movie will cause breakups

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LOS ANGELES

Ryan Murphy has been having quite a year. First, his latest TV creation, Glee, has become a runaway success, spawning soundtrack albums, a tour and 19 Emmy nominations. And now he's bringing his second feature film to theatres, an adaptation of the bestselling book Eat, Pray, Love, starring Julia Roberts.

Metro caught up with Murphy in Napa Valley to discuss his working with Roberts, his connection to the book and how he feels about causing breakups.

You and Julia have a great rapport. How did that relationship develop?

You know, from the moment we met, it was kind of like we just riffed. She makes me laugh and I can make her laugh. I've never had that with another actor like I've had that with her. And also, I went into the process being a big fan.

I was the first in line to see Sleeping with the Enemy. So I think that she felt, rightly so, that I loved her and would protect her and was invested in her being a success. She's sort of like the sister I always wanted, but never had. I have one brother. I always wanted a sister, and lo and behold, I got Julia Roberts. Not a bad gig.

Are you worried the movie is going to break up a lot of couples?

Well, there's two women in my life who got divorced because of the book. I think that the power of the book, and I hope the movie, is that it says to people — particularly, I think, women and gay men — 'if you're not happy, change.'

Be brave enough to walk away from what other people tell you you should be. I hope that it doesn't cause divorces so much as that it launches a discussion of, 'OK, why do you feel you're stuck?' Because, you know, not everybody can take a year off of their life and travel all the way around the world and find themselves. And I don't think you need to do that to find yourself. I think you can find yourself by maybe reading the book or seeing the movie and just asking yourself the question, 'Am I happy? If I'm not, how can I become more happy?' I think most people don't do that.

"I bet after this movie I'm going to get, 'Eat Pray Love made me get a divorce.' And then I'll have to call them up and send them to therapy."
DIRECTOR RYAN MURPHY

Did you have a personal relationship to the book before filming?

Oh my God, yeah. I think things come to you for a reason. I went through a bad breakup, and literally, I walked into a bookstore and it was literally being unpacked. I read it as a fan, I really deeply related to it, I felt in my life I wanted to learn those things, and I did. And when I did that is when my world opened up. I've had such a great six months.

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Shop for your soul

Eat, pray, love, shop?

There are plenty of opportunities to plumb the depths of your pocketbook, if not your soul, when the anticipated adaptation of the best-selling memoir hits theatres next week.

Soon, stores will be flooded with all things Eat Pray Love.

Look for candles and moisturizing creams; jewelry, book marks and tote bags; a dedicated shop at Cost Plus World Markets featuring furniture, food and clothing inspired by the film; a branded digital reader pre-loaded with the book; a Republic of Tea blend; a line of designer clothing by Sue Wong; and a weekend special on HSN filled with products pegged to the movie.

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In brief

There won't be an encore for Sean Penn and Robin Wright's marriage — court records show the couple are officially divorced. A judgment ending their 14-year marriage was entered July 22 in Marin County, which is in the Bay Area.
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Dolph Lundgren is back in action

Swedish actor teams with Sly Stallone again for The Expendables Tough guy has no plans to retire

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A quarter of a century since Dolph Lundgren met Sylvester Stallone in Rocky IV, the Swedish action star is finally dueling Sly again in The Expendables and no one is more pleased than the man who played Ivan Drago.

"It's been 25 years since we last squared off and it was a lot of fun," said Lundgren. "(Stallone) writes in a very old-school way in which all the characters are very colourful and very funny … so it was really one of those projects that you can't turn down."

Adding motive to the offer, Stallone had cast everyone from Jet Li to Bruce Willis in the film. If combining action stars for an old-school knuckleduster was the brainstorm of Stallone, he might have to thank the rising popularity of mixed martial arts.

"A lot of young kids, they grew up on green-screen wire movies but they've seen MMA (mixed martial arts) and they know what one punch does to a guy's face," said Lundgren of the rebirth of hardcore action. "It was refreshing not to have green screens and wires and tons of stunt teams but you're actually doing your own stunts … the audience gets to see their action star do it for real, which I think is how it all got started and, in my opinion, the way it should be."

While The Expendables will mark Lundgren's 25th year shooting exhausting thrillers, the Swede insisted he has no plans on retiring from action movies.

"You know it's going to be over one day," said Lundgren.

"I look at guys like Clint Eastwood who last year grabbed a shotgun and beat a few people up (in Gran Torino) so I suppose I have a few years left I hope."

The Memories

25 years of Action: Lundgren's Three Most Memorable Roles.

- **Rocky IV** — As Russian nemesis Ivan Drago, Lundgren had Rocky shaking in his boots and everyone saying "I must break you!"
- **Masters of the Universe** — Who else could've played He-Man in this 1987 adaptation of the popular toy franchise?
- **Universal Soldier** — Lundgren co-starred with Jean-Claude Van Damme in this 1992 thriller that has spurned sequels including a forthcoming version.

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GOOD, BAD AND UGLY OF DANCE FILMS

There was a time when people would consistently pay money to see actors Feather Step and Dosey-doe on screen.

For most of the twentieth century dance movies were a Hollywood staple, making stars out of hoofers Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers and seeing half the Best Picture Oscars from the years 1958 to 1968 going to movies with smooth dance moves.

Some dance movies from the classic age are memorable — Singin' in the Rain has a rare 100 per cent positive rating on RottenTomatoes. Others not so much. Remember Yolanda and the Thief? Me neither. But generally audiences were enthralled by Astaire's graceful moves or Kelly's athletic style. Producers of this weekend's Step Up 3D are hoping for a throw back to those heady days and that audiences will be lured to the theatre by their film's mix of dance and eye popping 3-D.

Dance on film died out during the late 1960s as movies with social messages and hard-hitting dramas took centre stage but one actor single handedly brought back hip swiveling to the big screen. John Tavolta's performances in Saturday Night Fever and Grease opened the flood gates for dozens of high stepping films in the 1970s. Here's a list of the good, the bad and the ugly of '70s and '80s dance.

The Good

Loosely based on the life of screenwriter Dean Pitchford Footloose is the story of a spunky Chicago teen (Kevin Bacon) who moves to a small town where dancing and rock music have been outlawed. John Travolta, Tom Cruise and Rob Lowe were all offered the lead role, but Bacon sizzles as Ren McCormack, the rebellious boy who teaches the town to kick up their heels to the tune of Let's Hear it For the Boy. (Honourable Mention: Pee-Wee's Big Adventure. Not a dance movie but Pee-wee's (Paul Ruebens) Peewee Dance to the song Tequila is a classic.)

The Bad

Breakin' 2: Electric Boogaloo isn't remembered as a great movie (it isn't) or for Ice-T's performance, no, it is best remembered as the facetious name given to any unnecessary sequel. For example, Tron 2: Electric Boogaloo or perhaps Titanic 2: Electric Boogaloo.

The Ugly

Newsweek called 1980's spirited but ridiculous attempt to cash in on the disco craze Can't Stop the Music, "the first all-singing, all-dancing horror film; the Dawn of the Dead of the disco era."

▶ The Expendables opens in theatres across Canada on August 13.

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"I was hated in Sweden for many years for going to America and making bad action movies but then they kind of came around."

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Step Up 3D
Genre: Dance/Musical
Director: Jon Chu
Stars: Adam Sevani, Rick Malambri

It was only a matter of time before the resurgence in popularity of 3-D led to pun-filled sequel titles in the grand tradition of Jaws 3-D.

Loosely tying itself to the last movie, Step Up 3D opens with comic-relief sidekick Moose (Adam Sevani) getting oriented at New York University, promising his mom (a curiously uncredited Kathy Najimy) that he's given up dancing for his studies.

That promise lasts all of a minute, naturally, as he stumbles into a commune of shiny, happy dancers living in the kind of tricked-out warehouse space poor artists only live in movies like this. They're led by an earnest and unfathomably uncharismatic aspiring filmmaker (Rick Malambri). But of course the main event here is supposed to be the dancing — of which there is plenty — and the 3D — of which there is too much.

NED EHRBAR

Get Low
Genre: Drama
Director: Aaron Schneider
Stars: Robert Duvall

Get Low stars Robert Duvall and Bill Murray, which tells you almost everything you need to know about the movie. It's a challenging drama about forgiveness that gives Duvall a chance to dig deep into the heart of a rejected hermit who plans his own funeral, but also a production with that playful sense of deadpan humour. First time director Aaron Schneider proves to be an adept visual storyteller, crafting a tale of surprising emotional resonance that will win you over.

PHIL BROWN

The laugh police

The Other Guys
Genre: Action/Comedy
Director: Adam McKay
Stars: Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg

Just when you thought buddy cop movies were as outmoded as Tetris and neon scrunchies, The Other Guys comes along and resuscitates a once dead genre (no thanks to you, Cop Out).

Not since the days of Beverly Hills Cop and Lethal Weapon has there been such a seamless melding of action and comedy playing out over a ping pong match of talented leading actors, in this case Will Ferrell and Mark Wahlberg.

You know those hardcore, kick butt cops who always get their man?

Well, Wahlberg and Ferrell are the other guys, two NYPD detectives strapped to their desks, living in the shadow of a duo of super cops (Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and Samuel L. Jackson, both in a shining hour). But when they finally get the opportunity to step up to the plate, they find themselves in way over their heads.

Uproariously funny yet stealthily topical, the film, written and directed by Adam McKay (Anchorman, Talladega Nights, Step Brothers), features a superb supporting cast, including Michael Keaton, Bobby Cannavale, Rob Riggle and Steve Coogan, but it's really Wahlberg and Ferrell's time to shine as they pay homage to greats like Martin and Lewis and Murtaugh and Riggs. Here's hoping they'll continue the grand tradition with multiple sequels as well.

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Globetrotting Worthington wows Italy

Sam Worthington was recently welcomed to Italy like he was a rock star Metro spoke with the Avatar actor

After five years of hard work he has taken a break, but in November he'll be back to work for two forthcoming movies (Last Night and The Debt) plus a third based on a comic strip (The Last Days of American Crime).

Sam, everybody wants to know if you'll ever be in a sequel of Avatar.

A second and a third movies have been planned, but I'll be in only if they will add something special to the first one.

Did James Cameron's blockbuster change the audience's approach to environmental issues?

You should ask this question to yourselves. But one thing I know is that Cameron is really committed on these issues. We must provide the youngsters with positive messages because they will have the courage we lack to change things.

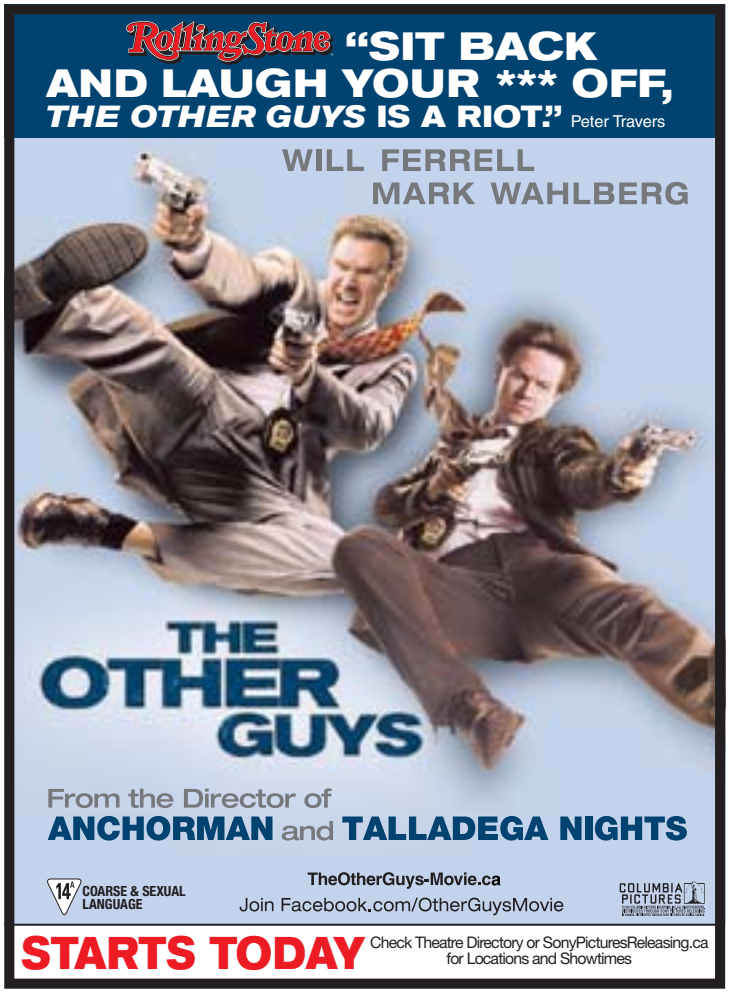
Some are calling you Leonardo Di Caprio's heir.

It's amazing that my name is mentioned so close to his, I think one day he'll be recognized as the best actor ever.

They didn't pick you to play James Bond. How did you take it?

Well, just look at me: That part wouldn't suit me. METRO WORLD NEWS

Sam Worthington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Australian films are starting to come of age

Movies from Down Under are maturing with more genre-based storytelling, says Australian director

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"I think there's a new generation of filmmakers in Australia," says David Michod, whose debut feature Animal Kingdom is the second thriller from Down Under to play on Canadian screens this summer, following Nash Edgerton's tricky The Square. "It's a reaction against the films that immediately proceeded our own."

Michod speaks specifically of a cycle of "small, intimate, social-realist films," which he adds "didn't travel very well. I think that this new wave of Australian filmmakers is interested in moving in a different direction, and in embracing genre."

Animal Kingdom is unapologetically a genre film: A moody crime drama about an orphaned teen (James Frechette) gradually drawn into the criminal activities of his extended family. "I moved to Melbourne from Sydney when I was 18," explains Michod, "and I was reading a lot about its criminal history. I was particularly engrossed in these books by a guy named Tom Noble, who used to be a police reporter in the 1980s. It was a very colourful period — the last days of these dangerous armed robbery crews, and their feud with these hardened, old-school armoured robbery cops."

Although it's loosely based on a true story, Animal Kingdom most strongly evokes the fictional work of American film directors like Michael Mann and James Gray. "I've obviously absorbed a world of influences, and they might be subliminally visible in the film," says Michod. "But I definitely wasn't working from anybody else's template."

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Connections

- **There's more** connecting Animal Kingdom and The Square than their country of origin: Both star Joel Edgerton, whose older brother Nash directed the later film.

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▶ Animal Kingdom strongly evokes work by Michael Mann and James Gray.

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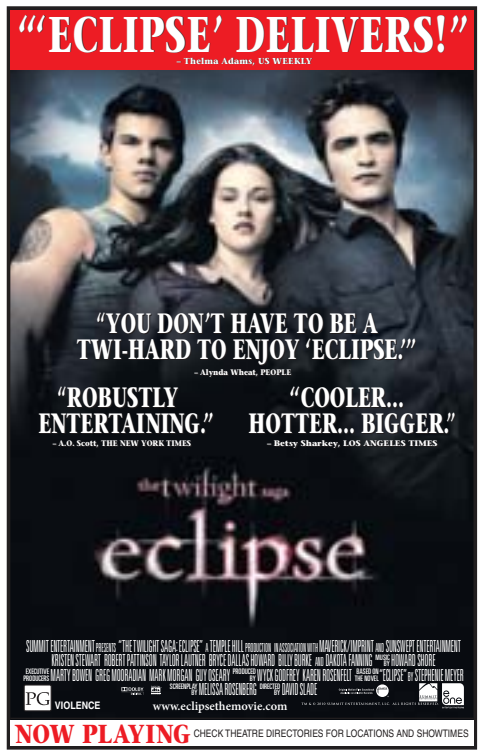
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The Ultimate Wave Tahiti (STC) Fri-Thu 1-5

CN IMAX THEATRE
201-999 Canada Place, 604-682-4629

DUNBAR THEATRE
4555 Dunbar Street, 604-222-2991

Inception (PG) Fri 7-10 Sat-Sun 3:30-7-10 Mon-Thu 7-10

FIFTH AVENUE CINEMAS
2110 Burrard Street, 604-734-7469

Get Low (PG) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:30-7-9:10
The Girl Who Played With Fire (18A) Fri-Thu 1-3:45-7:15-9:45
I Am Love (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-6:50-9:15
The Kids Are All Right (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4-7:10-9:25
Salt (PG) Fri-Thu 2-4:45-7:20-9:30

GRANVILLE
855 Granville St., 604-684-4000

Get Him to the Greek (18A) Fri 7:10-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:10-7:10-9:45 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:30
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri 8 Sat-Sun 1:05-4:15-8 Mon-Thu 8
Iron Man 2 (PG) Fri 6:50-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:20-4-6:50-9:30 Mon-Wed 5:25-8:15
Knight and Day (PG) Fri 6:55-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:05-6:55-9:35 Mon-Wed 5:35-8:20
Predators (18A) Fri 7-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:25-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:10
Restrepo (14A) Fri 7:05-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:20-7:05-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:45-8:05
The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG) Fri 6:45-9:25 Sat-Sun 1-3:55-6:45-9:25 Mon-Thu 5:30-8:25

HOLLYWOOD THEATRE
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OAKRIDGE
650 West 41st Ave., 604-263-1944

Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (G) DTS Digital, No Passes Fri 4:45-7-9:15 DTS Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 2:30-4:45-7-9:15 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 4:45-7-9:15
Despicable Me (G) DTS Digital Fri 4:35-6:45-9:05 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 2:15-4:35-6:45-9:05 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 4:35-6:45-9:05
Salt (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 4:20-7:15-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 2-4:20-7:15-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 4:20-7:15-9:40

PACIFIC CINÉMATHÈQUE
1131 Howe Street, 604-688-3456
cinematheque.bc.ca

Dersu Uzala (STC) Mon 9
Double Indemnity (STC) Wed 7 Thu 9
Fallen Angel (STC) Thu 7
Madadayo (STC) Mon 6:30 Tue 9
The Postman Always Rings Twice (STC) Wed 9
Ran (STC) Fri-Sun 7
Rhapsody in August (STC) Tue 7

PARK THEATRE
3440 Cambie Street, 604-876-2747

Inception (PG) Fri 4-7:10 Sat-Sun 1-4-7:10 Mon-Thu 4-7:10

RIDGE THEATRE
3131 Arbutus Street, 604-738-6311

Farewell (PG) Fri 4-7-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:20
Otello Verdi (STC) A.M. Sat 10

RIO ON BROADWAY
1660 E. Broadway, 604-878-Film
riotheatre.ca

Inception (PG) Fri 3:15-6:15-9:15 Sun-Thu 3:45-6:45-9:45
No Films Showing Today (STC) Sat

SCOTIABANK THEATRE VANCOUVER
900 Burrard St., 604-630-1407

Charlie St. Cloud (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:15-7:20-10:10
Dinner for Schmucks (PG) Fri-Tue 12-3:30-6:40-9:40 Wed 12-3:30-10 Thu 12-3:30-6:40-9:40 Fri-Wed 1-4:10-7:30-10:25 Thu 1-4:10-10:25
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Step Up 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-1:15-3:50-4:20-7:7:40-9:50-10:40

TINSELTOWN
International Village, 88 West Pender, 3rd floor, 604-806-0799
cinemark.com

Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-2:10-4:20
Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:05-3:15-5:25-7:35-9:45
Despicable Me (G) Fri-Thu 12:15
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Get Low (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-1:45-3-4:15-5:30-6:45-8-9:15-10:30
The Girl Who Played With Fire (18A) Fri-Tue 12:55-4-7:15-10:10 Wed-Thu 12:55-4-10:10
The Kids Are All Right (14A) Fri-Thu 2:25-4:55-7:45-10:25
Mr. Nobody (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 6:30-9:35
The Other Guys (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-2:20-3:40-5-6:20-7:40-9-10:20
Ramona and Beezus (G) Fri-Thu 12:45
Solitary Man (PG) Fri-Thu 12:25-2:55-5:15-7:50-10:05
The Sorcerer's Apprentice (PG) Fri-Thu 4:40-7:20-9:55
Toy Story 3 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:25-7-9:40

VANCITY THEATRE
Vancouver International Film Centre
1181 Seymour Street, 604-683-Film
vifc.org

The Harder They Come (STC) Sat 8:30 Sun 6:30 Mon-Tue 8:30
Land (STC) Wed-Thu 6:30-8
No Films Showing Today (STC) Fri
Wah Do Dem (STC) Sat 7 Sun 8:45 Mon-Tue 7

VAN EAST CINEMA
2290 Commercial Drive, 604-251-1313
vaneast.com

Salt (PG) Fri-Wed 7-9 Thu 7

NORTH SHORE

ESPLANADE 6
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Toy Story 3 (G) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:20-6:45-9:20 Mon-Thu 4:20-6:45-9:20

PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

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Despicable Me 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12-3-6:30-9
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The Other Guys (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-7:20-9:45
Ramona and Beezus (G) Fri-Thu 12:10
Step Up 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:20-6:50-9:20
The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG) Fri-Thu 3:10-6:40-9:10

RICHMOND

RICHMOND CENTRE 6
6551 #3 Road, 604-273-7173

Charlie St. Cloud (PG) Fri 3:55-7:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:55-3:55-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:55-7:10-9:40
Dinner for Schmucks (PG) Fri 3:50-7:05-9:55 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:50-7:05-9:55 Mon-Thu 3:50-7:05-9:55
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Step Up 3 (PG) Fri 4-7-9:35 Sat-Sun 1-4-7-9:35 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:35

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Despicable Me 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:45-9:30
Dinner for Schmucks (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:10-7:10-10:10
Grown Ups (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:25
Inception (PG) Fri-Thu 12:05-12:30-3:35-4:05-7:05-7:35-10:35-11
Inception: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Thu 12-3:30-7-10:30
The Kids Are All Right (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:25-7:40-10:40
Mel Kara de Rabba (PG) Fri-Thu 12-3:20-6:40-10:05
The Other Guys (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-1:45-4:15-4:45-7:15-7:45-10:15-10:45
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Step Up 3 (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
Step Up 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-10
Toy Story 3 (G) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:35-6:45-9:55
The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-7:20-10:25

BURNABY

DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (G) Fri 5-7-9 Sat-Sun 1-3-5-7-9 Mon-Thu 5-7-9
The Other Guys (14A) Fri 5-7:10-9:15 Sat-Sun 12:30-2:45-5-7:10-9:15 Mon-Thu 5-7:10-9:15

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Toy Story 3 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:25-6:50-9:35

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The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG) Fri 4:05-7:05-10:10 Sat-Sun 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:05-10:10

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Step Up 3 (PG) Fri-Thu 11:45-2:50-6:40-9:30
Step Up 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-7:20-10:15
Toy Story 3 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:55-2:55-6:45-9:35
The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG) Fri-Thu 11:55-3:10-6:55-9:55

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Toy Story 3 (G) Fri 7 Sat-Thu 1-7

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The Karate Kid (PG) Fri-Thu 4:30-9:05
The Last Airbender (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:30-7:05
Marmaduke (G) Fri-Thu 4:30
Shrek Forever After (G) Fri-Thu 2:50
The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-4:40-7-9:20

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Mel Kara de Rabba (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:30-7:10-10
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The Other Guys (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:15-7:40-10:30
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Step Up 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-7:10-9:50

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Despicable Me 3D (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:45-4:05-7-9:30
Dinner for Schmucks (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:25-4:10-7:05-9:55
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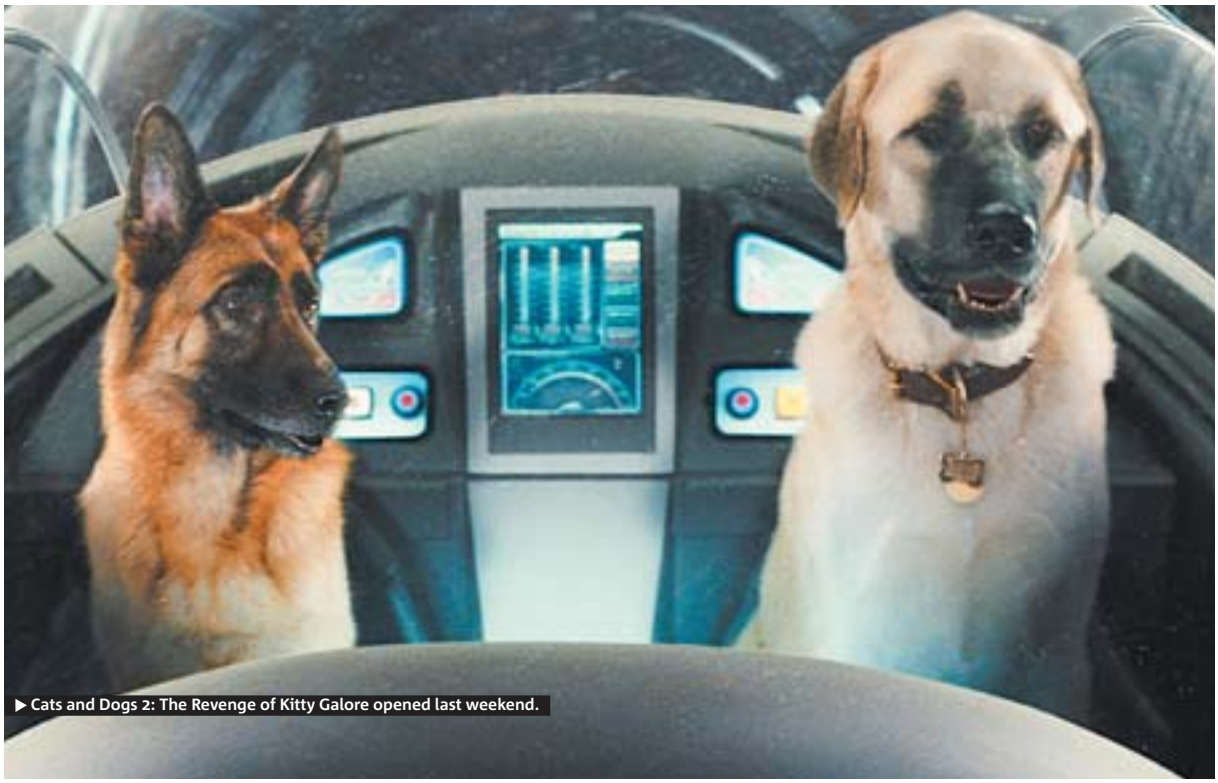

▶ Cats and Dogs 2: The Revenge of Kitty Galore opened last weekend.

▶Michael Sheen

Sheen, Bello star in teen shooter film

A star-packed drama about a teen who goes on a shooting rampage at his college appears bound for the Toronto International Film Festival.

Actor Austin Nichols recently wrote on his Twitter page that Beautiful Boy, in which he stars with Michael Sheen and Maria Bello, will be at the festival on Sept. 12.

Co-star Alan Tudyk also confirmed the news in an interview posted on the blog From Hollywood With Love.

Beautiful Boy is directed by Shawn Ku and stars Bello and Sheen as parents of an 18-year-old (Kyle Gallner) who kills himself after committing a mass shooting at his school.

Rocker Meat Loaf is also in the cast.

The Toronto International Film Festival runs September 9 to 19.

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▶ Hong Kong film director Johnnie To.

Director heeds call of China

Hong Kong action filmmaker Johnnie To looking to tap potential of mainland youth market with new romance Don't Go Breaking My Heart

With Hong Kong directors and actors flocking to make kung fu and historical epics proliferating in mainland China, Johnnie To's edgy Cantonese action thrillers have long been regarded as the last bastion of local cinema.

But even he must tap the vast potential of the mainland movie market to survive, the veteran filmmaker acknowledged Thursday.

To told mainland reporters on a Hong Kong set of the new romance he is directing, Don't Go Breaking My Heart, that it is an attempt to pioneer a new genre in China.

"We want to make a love story that young people will watch," To said in a rare interview in the national dialect Mandarin — instead of the southern Cantonese dialect he is more comfortable with.

"This might be a new route. Not every movie has to be a period kung fu production. There are too many of these films recently. I think it's time for a change. Not all movies have to be big productions," said To.

Asked why he cast China's Gao Yuanyuan — and not a Hong Kong actress — alongside Hong Kong industry heartthrobs Daniel Wu and Louis Koo, To responded with a laugh, "You should know why. And you still ask me?

"You can't talk about a distinction between Hong Kong and the mainland these days. Given the way things are evolving now — we are all part of China," he said.

While Hong Kong was once the centre of the Chinese-language industry — producing stars like Jackie Chan, Jet Li and Chow Yun-fat — the balance of power has shifted to the mainland in recent years as its rapid growth unleashed new capital and fresh audiences.

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News in brief

London film fest sets sked

PREMIERE. London Film Festival organizers say this year's event will open with the European premiere of Never Let Me Go.

Organizers said Thursday that the Mark Romanek-directed film will open the 10-day festival on Oct. 13.

Adapted from Kazuo Ishiguro's dystopian coming-of-age novel, Never Let Me Go stars Keira Knightley, Carey Mulligan of An Education and Andrew Garfield, who was recently announced as star of the next Spider-Man movie.

Adapted by The Beach writer Alex Garland, it is a drama about boarding school friends coming to grips with their sheltered past as adults in the real world. The 54th London Film Festival runs Oct. 14-28. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Celebrating piano tuner

JAZZ FESTIVAL. Bill Calhoun is a fixture at the Newport Jazz Festival, even if most audience members have no idea who he is. Calhoun is marking his 25th anniversary this weekend as the festival's piano tuner.

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Kanye Tweets

Celeb

Kanye West has had verbal diarrheic outbursts before — hint: MTV Music Video Awards — but now you can read his unfiltered inner monologue all the time. West, who once said he'd never join Twitter, has joined the social networking site. Sample tweet from his enchanted life: "I specifically ordered persian rugs with cherub imagery!!! What do I have to do to get a simple persian rug with cherub imagery uuuuugh." His tweets are so ridiculous, he's even spawned a meme, #KanyeNewYorkerTweets, which hilariously captions actual cartoons from the magazine with his words.

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A-Rod's 600th

Baseball

Alex Rodriguez is no stranger to the celebrity gossip pages since his move to New York — including a reported dalliance with Madonna and a ruined marriage — and he has instilled outrage in his fans after his admission to using performance enhancing drugs in the past. But will all be forgiven after he joined the exclusive 600 home run club this week against the Toronto Blue Jays? Only time will tell.

7th heaven

Kick-Ass

DVD

This controversial comic book movie garnered some good reviews and some scathing remarks over its gratuitous violence and language — especially in the case of pre-teen Chloe Moretz as Hit-Girl. Is it funny? Is it too much? Would you pick up your own copy? If so, you can, it came out on DVD and Blu-Ray this week.

Mega music hit

Love The Way You Lie

This collaboration between the "abused" Rihanna and "recovering" Eminem helped the troubled rapper's Recovery album sell like a bat out of hell upon its release on June 18 and it continues to top the charts — despite less than stellar reviews from music critics — selling 741,000 copies in its first week in the U.S. alone. To our ears, Love The Way You Lie is one of the most powerful songs of the year with a message that smacks your senses like no other tune has for some time. The video stars Transformers Megan Fox and Lost star Dominic Monaghan. Heavenly.

Metro pick

▶ Who will win the weekend?

Inception vs. The Other Guys

Will Christopher Nolan's Inception continue dominating the box office, or is the dream thriller's reign over? It looks like Will Ferrell and Mark Wahlberg are set to take over the top spot at the nation's theatres as The Other Guys prepares to assault the weekend. A terrific marketing campaign, a great action-comedy premise and solid reviews give this film the makings of a hit.

The Suburbs

Album

Six years after their smashing debut, independent Canadian rockers Arcade Fire proved this week that they still have it. Their latest album, The Suburbs, is "more subdued" according to the Metro review, but it's also "their most diverse record," yet. Fans have already rushed to record stores vaulting it to No. 1 on HMV Canada's CD sales chart. Have you got your copy yet?

Sandra Bullock

Celeb

Sandra Bullock has been through a lot this year: An Academy Award for her role in The Blind Side followed by a long stint in the celebrity gossip media sphere due to a reportedly unfaithful husband, Jesse James. Despite all this, she still landed in the No. 1 spot on Forbes' list of top earning actresses, banking $56 million between June 2009 and June 2010. Reese Witherspoon, Cameron Diaz and Jennifer Aniston also made the list.

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Music

Backstreet Boys in concert

Relive the boy band craze this Friday night as the iconic Backstreet Boys return to Rogers Arena. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. and also features Canadian artist Shawn Desman as the opening act. For tickets visit Ticketmaster.com.

Museum

Sins of the City

See Vancouver in a whole new light this Friday and Saturday at the Vancouver Police Museum. Sins of the City guides lead you through the oldest parts of Vancouver, while stories of its seedier side are regaled. For more information visit vancouverpolicemuseum.ca.

Theatre

Theatre Sports on Granville Island

Live shows are on this weekend by members of the Vancouver Theatresports League at the Improv Centre on Granville Island. Performances start on Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m., 10 p.m., and 11:45 p.m.

Sport

Kayaking the Indian Arm

If you're feeling adventurous, the stretch from Deep Cove to the Indian Arm provides 20 kilometres of ocean to paddle. Take advantage of Cheap Date Night at Deep Cove Kayak on Friday evenings. It's $25 for a single rental and $35 for a double rental. For booking information visit deepcovekayak.com.

Music

Sergio Mendes in concert

Catch Brazilian bandleader Sergio Mendes at the River Rock Casino this Saturday as he creates the sounds of summer with the music of legends like Antonio Carlos Jobim and Gilberto Gil. For tickets visit riverrock.com.

Culture

West End Cultural Celebration

Take part in the West End's ultimate block party with a children's carnival, hot dog barbecue, crafts, and live music. The free event kicks off at 11 a.m. on 1019 Broughton Street.

JENNIFER O'CALLAGHAN

Warner looks to boost digital sales

Digital download sales growth slowed further for Warner Music Group Corp. in its fiscal third quarter, prompting CEO Edgar Bronfman Jr. to say Thursday that the company was looking "beyond the iTunes model" to return to growth.

After the company reported a wider loss, Bronfman pointed to new "access models" based on monthly music subscription plans, and the entry of Google Inc. and others into the business to reverse a decade of declining CD sales.

"Digital growth ... has the opportunity to return to more robust growth rates as we see the introduction more broadly of access models and new business models beyond the iTunes model," Bronfman told analysts.

Revenue from digital sales of recorded music grew just 3.7 per cent to $169 million. That's a slower pace than the 4.5 per cent growth posted a year ago and 39 per cent growth two years earlier.

Sales of downloads from Apple Inc.'s iTunes store are slowing as the market matures, especially in the United States. Late adopters of new gadgets such as the iPod and iPhone generally consume less content than early buyers.

Sales of physical CDs and vinyl records declined 25 per cent to $350 million from $469 million, according to Warner's earnings release.

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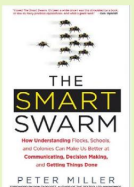
Piracy woes

- **Online piracy and** declining shelf space for CDs has hurt physical music sales industrywide. Warner also suffered from fewer big releases, as its top-seller, the soundtrack to the latest in the Twilight movie saga, compared poorly to prior-year releases such as Green Day's 21st Century Breakdown.
- **Warner's loss expanded** in the three months to June 30 to $55 million, or 37 cents per share, from $37 million, or 25 cents per share, a year ago. Revenue dropped 16 per cent to $652 million from $773 million.

Can we learn from termites?

Ants, bees, birds, locusts and termites have been developing for eons — as has mankind — and they have developed their own ways of doing things — as has mankind. Are you as bright as a termite?

A variety of termite in southwest Africa's Namibia builds mounds 10 feet high or more, with a system of natural air conditioning that may one day keep your house cool with no increase in your summer electricity bills.



Peter Miller, author of The Smart Swarm, is a senior writer at National Geographic. He sees the mounds as a kind of self-organization like Wikipedia, the encyclopedia to which almost anyone can contribute and that counts on its millions of users to correct and amplify the texts it receives. Five years ago, CIA officials founded a system called the Intellipedia on similar principles for use by intelligence services.

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▶ Anna Nicole Smith was found dead in a hotel room in Hollywood, Fla., in 2007. Her boyfriend Howard K. Stern and two doctors are on trial for conspiring to provide the model with a large supply of opiates and sedatives.

Smith's boyfriend, docs go on trial

Former bodyguard previously claimed that Stern, doctor gave starlet drug injections He sold his story to cable TV outlets for $150,000 in 2007

Drug bottles, a duffel bag full of cash and Anna Nicole Smith's sobbing boyfriend were found in the Florida hotel room where the Playboy model died of an overdose three years ago, a police detective testified Thursday.

Detective Katherine Frank was the first witness to take the stand in the trial of Smith's lawyer-boyfriend, Howard K. Stern, and two doctors who are accused of conspiring to supply the model with vast amounts of powerful opiates and sedatives. They are not accused of causing her death.

All three have pleaded not guilty.

Smith, 39, was found dead in the Hollywood, Fla., room in February 2007. Frank testified that shortly after her body was found and taken away, Stern fell to his knees in the room and began crying.

The detective said the duffel bag contained more than $8,000 in cash.

Smith's bodyguard, who was one of the last people to see her alive, told police that he was owed the money and demanded they hand it over but they refused, Frank testified.

Superior Court Judge Robert Perry has said Smith's cause of death is not an issue in the trial of Stern, Dr. Sandeep Kapoor and Dr. Khristine Eroshevich. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Avenged Sevenfold has the No. 1 album on the Billboard 200.

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If you work anywhere in the music industry, you watch the Billboard charts like your life depends on them. That's because it does.

Since the 1950s, the Billboard charts are how the industry has kept score. The two most important charts are the Hot 100 (the top 100 singles) and the Billboard 200 (the top 200 albums). They gauge week-to-week popularity of songs and CDs. Songs/albums are ranked using data from retail sales (via SoundScan, their point-of-purchase data collection mechanism) and radio airplay (via precise monitoring through a service called BDS Radio). The more a song/album sells or gets played on the radio, the higher its ranking. The higher a song/album's position, the more momentum it picks up, leading to more sales and more airplay — and more profits for the label/artist.

It's also a horse race for the public. If you've ever listened to Casey Kasem (or virtually any other radio countdown show) or just watched how your favourite album moved around the wall at your record store, you've seen how the charts work.

Make the charts and you're in the game. If your song/album goes up, you're winning. If it goes down, you're losing. Not make them at all and you're not a Big-Time Player. But change may be coming. The Ultimate Chart is the product of Big Champagne, a company that tracks file-trading activity on P2P sites. They noticed that what was being illegally traded online — i.e. what was popular — differed greatly from which songs and artists appeared on Billboard. "Why aren't we using that data in figuring out which songs are big and which aren't?"

Big Champagne then started monitoring plays on MySpace, YouTube and Facebook. They looked at songs played on TV and those sold as ringtones. And when everything was compiled, big discrepancies emerged between what Billboard reported and what Big Champagne contended was reality with music consumers.

Record labels and retailers love this kind of data. A migration from traditional Billboard charts to the Ultimate Chart would have enormous repercussions for music — even if 99 per cent of consumers would be oblivious.

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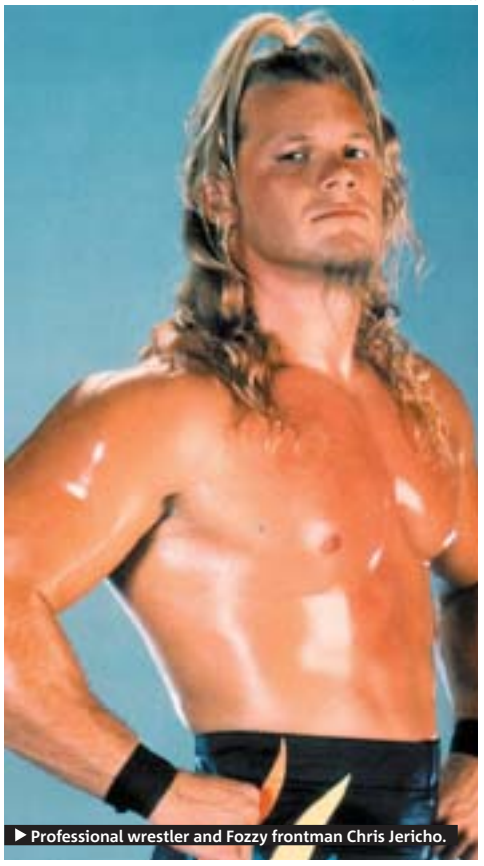

▶ Professional wrestler and Fozzy frontman Chris Jericho.

Fozzy heats up

Jericho and band grow into their own with latest '70s-influenced album

At times, the golden championship belts Chris Jericho amassed as a pro wrestler felt a little like an albatross dragging down his music career.

Because of his success as a wrestler, Jericho said, metal fans were reluctant to take his outfit, Fozzy, seriously.

But that, he says, has changed.

"We've really turned the corner where people really don't care that Jericho's in wrestling, too," the World Wrestling Entertainment star said on the line from his Florida home Thursday.

"When it comes to Fozzy, it's not like we're onstage giving each other bodyslams or wearing wrestling tights ... Bruce Dickinson from Iron Maiden is a pilot, but that doesn't mean that all their songs are about airport lavatories. They're two separate things."

Fozzy released their fourth album, Chasing the Grail, earlier this year and will travel to Canada this weekend for a trio of shows in Ontario — their first in the province in five years.

The band got their start back in 2000 when they were signed by John Zazula, a music executive with ties to Metallica and Anthrax.

Jericho said Zazula wanted the band to play cover songs, and encouraged them to craft a goofy backstory in which Fozzy were true metal innovators who had spent decades in Japan only to find out that other bands had stolen their songs. They also wore wigs.

"We were kind of a little bit confused by it," Jericho concedes now. "But like any self-respecting musicians, we took the money and did what we were told."

Jericho was already a prominent name in pro wrestling, known for his inimitable sense of humour as well as his sprightly in-ring ability.

So the launch of Fozzy was accompanied by a fair bit of hype — "the record company spent a lot of money on us," he recalls, citing a 30-minute MTV mockumentary on the band that aired.

"Johnny Z said to us one day: 'How does it feel to know you're going to be the next Metallica?' We were like, 'the next Metallica? We're playing cover songs and wearing wigs in the band.'"

That hype made it a little more difficult years later when, in Jericho's words, the band hit rock bottom.

So in 2005, they reinvented themselves, dropping the spoof gimmick and putting out their first album of original material, All That Remains.

"(That album) really surprised a lot of people as to how good it was and how mature it was. And I think Chasing the Grail trumped that in spades."

Indeed, Fozzy seems to have settled into its sound on its latest record — heavy metal that proudly flaunts the influence of '70s stalwarts like Black Sabbath.

"I think this is our tightest record, it's definitely our best-received, it's our biggest seller," said Jericho, who said Fozzy draws thousands of fans to shows in the UK. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Great pipes

Chris Jericho's singing impresses on the new Fozzy album, Chasing the Grail.

▶ **He took singing** lessons in the five years since All that Remains. Also notable is the capable shredding of guitarist and co-songwriter Rich Ward.

Free concert draws thousands

Award-winning Metric delivers a high-energy outdoor set in Toronto

Metric, the power pop band that got its start in Toronto, gave — in the words of lead singer Emily Haines — some "steamy love" to thousands of ardent fans Wednesday evening during a free concert that jammed Front St. W., from York St. to Bay St.

"Welcome to the worst-kept secret in Toronto," announced Paul Brannen, a vice-president at concert sponsor Samsung Electronics Canada, as the crowd began chanting "Metric, Metric."

▶ Metric lead singer Emily Haines.

Toronto police initially kept both east and west lanes of Front St. open as the crowd began to fill Union Station Square and the median running down the centre of the street. But by 6:45 p.m., the burgeoning crowd forced them to close the south side of the street, and barriers went up to close the north side a short time later.

The band delivered a high-energy 45-minute set, including Satellite Mind and Gold Guns Girls.

Sarah Bartlett, 31, of Toronto brought along her 3-month-old daughter, Stella. "Stella's first concert was a Metric concert in my belly at about four months old. So we're back for more," Bartlett said.

"There's 12-year-olds here," Bartlett marvelled. But that should come as no surprise since the band recently landed a song, Eclipse (All Yours), on the soundtrack of The Twilight Saga: Eclipse, the third in the series of hugely popular vampire films based on the novels by Stephenie Meyer.

The award-winning band, headed by Haines and James Shaw, both of whom grew up in Toronto. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Wall song transformed by Iranians

The Pink Floyd rock music classic Another Brick in the Wall has been transformed by a Canadian band to reflect dissent young Iranians have for their government.

The song replaces the teacher reference with "Hey, Ayatollah, leave those kids alone!" It's performed by a Toronto-based rock band fronted by two Iranian brothers called Blurred Vision. It's been seen by more than 160,000 viewers on YouTube.

Pink Floyd founder Roger Waters gave Blurred Vision permission to use the song. Proceeds will go to Amnesty International.

The Blurred Vision version of the song expresses discord between young people and the government of Iran, where it's illegal to play rock music. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Musician Wyclef Jean was born in Haiti and is set to run for president. The election is scheduled for November 28.

Jean planning run for Haiti's top job

Native son getting tutored in Creole Residency requirements may be problematic for ex-Fugees star who has lived in the U.S. since he was 9

Yele Haiti

- **Wyclef Jean helped** found Yele Haiti five years ago to raise money and build awareness of the myriad problems in his impoverished homeland. It raised $9 million in the wake of the Jan. 12 earthquake that killed a government-estimated 300,000 people. Of that, it has spent $1.5 million on food, water, tents, clothes and other products for quake survivors, Tanenbaum said.
- But Yele came under criticism when post-quake scrutiny revealed alleged improprieties including that it had paid Jean to perform at fundraising events.

Wyclef Jean has stepped down as leader of the embattled aid group he founded as he prepares to formally declare his candidacy for the Haitian presidency.

The singer released a statement that he was resigning the chairmanship of Yele Haiti effective immediately Thursday.

The Brooklyn, N.Y.-raised singer was making his way to his native Haiti and was expected to officially file his election papers Thursday afternoon at the provisional electoral council in the Haitian capital, Port-au-Prince.

"I am not stepping down in my commitment to Haiti. On the contrary, regardless of what path I take next, one thing is certain: My focus on helping Haiti turn a new corner will only grow stronger," Jean said in the statement.

Businessman Derek Q. Johnson will take up the helm of the organization.

The organization — named for one of the former Fugee member's songs — often worked in partnership with the United Nations and other agencies to implement its programs, lending its name and Jean's cachet to help raise funds.

In Port-au-Prince, his supporters loaded group taxis and followed drum-and-horn "ra ra" bands to the provisional electoral council office where Jean was expected to register Thursday afternoon. Young men jostled for free T-shirts bearing the name "Fas a Fas" — the Creole title of Jean's nascent youth movement.

"Wyclef for president! Give me a T-shirt!" a bearded 20-something shouted.

Numerous candidates are expected to seek the presidency in Haiti's Nov. 28 election, from those representing small factions, towns and pockets of the diaspora to former heads of government. They have until Saturday to register.

Among the most formidable contestants will be ousted ex-Prime Minister Jacques-Edouard Alexis, who secured the backing of President Rene Preval's powerful Unity party this week. Preval is barred from running by the constitution.

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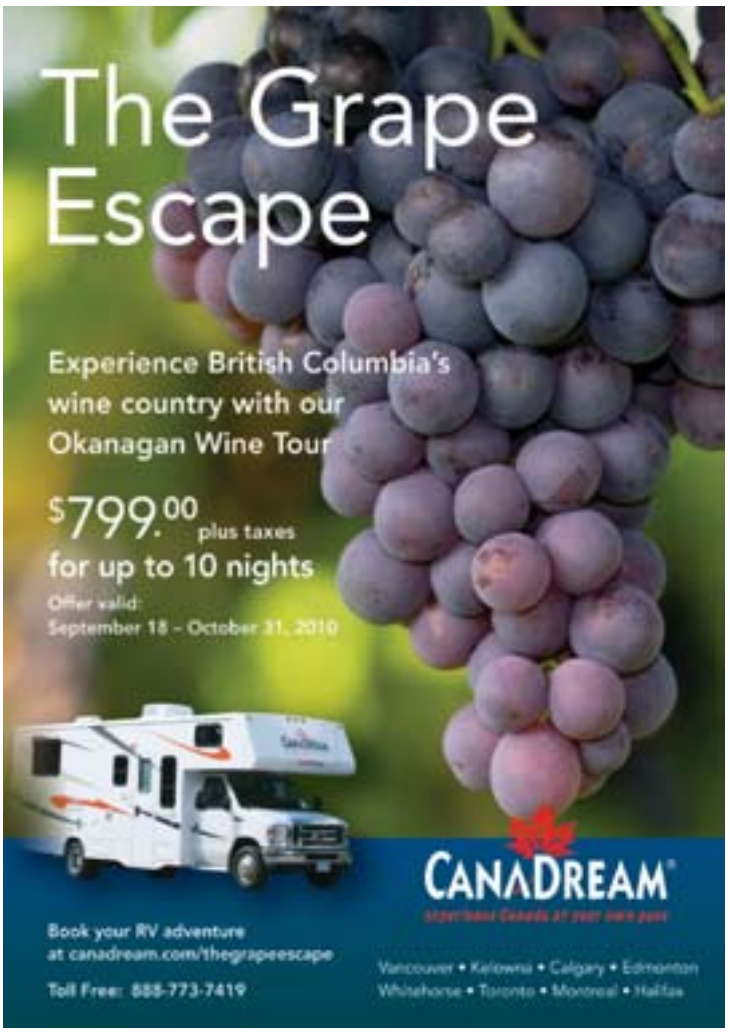
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Hart to leave ET after 30 years

Those legs are made for walking: Longtime Entertainment Tonight host Mary Hart said Thursday she's leaving the show after her upcoming 30th season.

The leading syndicated newsmagazine for entertainment had no immediate comment on reports that Lara Spencer has already been selected as Hart's successor. Spencer anchors ET's sister broadcast, The Insider.

Hart, a former English teacher from Sioux Falls, S.D., joined Entertainment Tonight in 1982, with the show not even a year old. She was paired most famously at the anchor desk for 10 years with John Tesh, who left in 1996 to concentrate on his music career. Mark Steines is her current co-anchor.

Hart, 59, was known for shapely legs considered such an asset that Entertainment Tonight built a see-through desk on its set to show them off, said Bill Carroll, an expert in the TV syndication market for Katz Television.

"She's a cultural icon," he said.

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▶ Entertainment Tonight host Mary Hart announced that this season will be her last on the syndicated newsmagazine.

She said she had mixed sentiments about leaving.

"I only meant to be at ET for three years," she said. "Suddenly, it's almost 30. I've reached a point when I clearly realize it's time for a change. There are many things I want to do in my life and I'd better get on with them."

Entertainment Tonight pioneered a television genre and remains its ratings leader. It still has plenty of the soft features with stars promoting their latest movies, TV shows or music, but now fits in tough reporting on entertainment issues since the topic is given much greater attention in the world of journalism.

It's not clear when her last day will be. A television season traditionally ends in May.

"Mary has been a fixture in our lives and we'll miss her dearly," said John Nogawski, president of CBS Television Distribution. "We look forward to celebrating Mary's career in this exciting season to come."

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Another Cousteau TV star

Grandson of Jacques Cousteau hosting a series of documentaries during network's 'Blue August'

Two generations after Jacques Cousteau introduced television viewers to an undersea world, his grandson is becoming a go-to environmentalist for TV producers on some of the same topics.

Philippe Cousteau hosts a series of documentaries with his sister Alexandra this month for what the Planet Green network calls its Blue August. The centrepiece is a six-part series starting Sunday, Oceans Blue, where Cousteau and other marine explorers tell stories about secrets of the ocean.

Cousteau was a frequent guest on news programs to discuss the Gulf oil spill, particularly on CNN. He dove into the Gulf of Mexico for ABC's Good Morning America for a story on how oil was spreading away from the surface.

Cousteau, 30, hopes to use his burgeoning celebrity status to make sure the Gulf story isn't forgotten, even as cameras move away with the gushing underwater well capped and the oil slick on the water's surface starting to shrink.

"We are so eager to make declarative statements and to wrap things up in an easy box," he said. "It's so easy to do that, and we can't allow that to happen."

His father died in a plane crash six months before young Philippe was born, so he knew him only through the images caught in the documentaries. Young Philippe visited his grandfather a few times a year; he credited his mother for keeping the family legacy alive.

"History is not going to judge us by the mistakes we made but by what we learned from them. I'm very concerned that that is not happening"
PHILIPPE COUSTEAU

A decade ago Philippe started a foundation aimed at empowering youngsters to take action on keeping oceans clean and healthy. It was initially named for his grandfather, but after losing a legal battle with his grandfather's widow, the name was changed to EarthEcho International.

Cousteau speaks to youth groups, he blogs and is an energetic networker in the environmental community — a modern-day mash-up of citizen, celebrity and politician in the Bono mould. He recognizes what his grandfather did, that television is a hugely powerful medium for getting his message across.

He's also cognizant of the power his last name holds in the environmental and media worlds.

"It's such an honour to be part of that legacy and a responsibility," he said. "It opens doors. I've always found those doors are very fast to close in your face because there are big expectations. You've got to perform."

Cousteau was with ABC's Sam Champion at the time of the explosion that set off this summer's Gulf disaster. They were doing a story on manatees, a particular interest of Champion's that dates back to when he saw a Jacques Cousteau documentary about them.

Champion said he found Cousteau "hugely impressive." Cousteau could probably have coasted on his name, but he's very knowledgeable about the oceans and is able to put what he knows in terms that average people can understand, he said.

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The Legacy

- Cousteau's grandfather became a celebrity through his nature documentaries, most focused on bodies of water and how they are affected by humans.
- The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau captivated audiences on ABC from the late 1960s to mid-1970s. Cousteau's son, Philippe, was a frequent traveller on the research ship The Calypso.

▶ Philippe Cousteau, grandson of Jacques Cousteau, is shown on location in Delaware.

Michael's Faith back

Faith, the 1987 solo debut album for George Michael, is set for a re-release.

Sony Music will reissue Faith in September in various formats including a limited edition numbers collectors box.

Faith sold more than 20 million copies around the world.

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▶ Laurence Fishburne

Fishburne mad about sex tape

Montana Fishburne hasn't had a chance to chat with her dad, Laurence Fishburne, about her decision to release a sex tape, according to E! News.

"I heard he's mad at me, but I haven't spoken to him yet," she says. "I feel pretty confident that I can work things out with them. I think he wants to support me in everything I do and thought he sees this now as a negative, I believe in time he will view it as a positive."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Lythgoe set for a return to U.S. Idol

A familiar face is coming back to American Idol, and it's not Paula Abdul or Simon Cowell.

Fox announced Thursday that British TV personality Nigel Lythgoe is returning to the singing competition in the producing role he left two years ago.

Lythgoe originally served as Idol producer when it debuted in 2002. He left to focus on So You Think You Can Dance, the Fox dancing contest he executive produces and judges. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Leo to testify in assault case

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▶ Leonardo DiCaprio

Leonardo DiCaprio is reportedly willing to take the stand against a woman on trial for assaulting him at a party five years ago, according to TMZ.

Aretha Wilson is accused of slashing DiCaprio's face with a glass during a 2005 party in the Hollywood Hills. Last week, she was extradited from Canada and is being held on $150,000 bail. DiCaprio is being "extremely co-operative" with prosecutors, law enforcement sources tell the Website.

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Perry says all stars Google themselves

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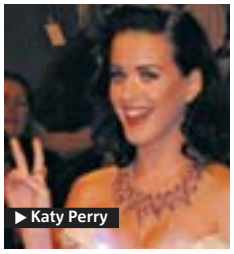

▶ Katy Perry

Katy Perry admits living in the Internet age makes being a celebrity interesting, especially with sites like Twitter and Facebook.

"When you look at other celebrities' Twitter feeds and see them posting about something they read about themselves on a Google Alert, it's like, 'Uh, maybe you should stop Googling yourself every day, the world does not spin around you,'" she complains to Rolling Stone. Of course, Perry admits that she herself isn't above keeping tabs on what's said about her on the web. "Any artist who says they don't Google their name is a big fat liar."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Iglesias water skis in the buff

Enrique Iglesias is nothing if not a man of his word. The singer had promised that if Spain won the World Cup, he would ride a water ski naked near his Miami home, and according to TMZ, Iglesias completed the task last week.

"A bet is a bet," he tells the website, though he decided to complete the task late at night so as not to upset authorities.

"We do not manage Enrique's personal time schedule but we do know he was in Miami the last week of July," his rep says.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Goldberg made housewife cry

Michaele Salahi's dustup with Whoopi Goldberg was Topic A when the alleged White House gatecrasher and her fellow cast members from The Real Housewives of D.C appeared on Thursday's Today show.

Then, an hour later on The View, Goldberg gave her own account in this case of She-said, She-said.

Co-hosts Kathie Lee Gifford and Hoda Kotb immediately seized on the shouting match that had erupted after Wednesday's edition of The View between Salahi, a guest along with the other Housewives, and View co-host Goldberg.

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▶ Whoopi Goldberg

Salahi said on Today, that the encounter with Goldberg brought her to tears.

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Talking points

Allen, Cooper expecting

PREGNANCY It looks like the rumors about Lily Allen being pregnant are true.

"Lily Allen and Sam Cooper are very happy to confirm that Lily is expecting their first child," a rep for the singer tells People magazine. "Lily's professional commitments will carry on as normal."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Fox the new face of Armani

BEAUTY Who needs Transformers when you have Giorgio Armani.

Armani's new face of beauty is actress Megan Fox. She embodies the spirit of the women of today: free, confident and seductive, Armani said in a press release.

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Celebrity tweets

Lily Allen [@lilyroseallen] not quite front page worthy but anyways..... surreal

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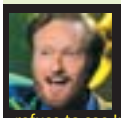

Conan O'Brien [@Conan-OBrien] I refuse to see Inception because I am worried it will confuse me. I had trouble following "Marley and Me."

Seth Meyers [@Seth-Meyers21] Prop 8 was always my least favorite Prop. Favorite Prop: Joe.

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B.C. farmers Darrel Timm and his sister Janice Ravndahl of Sezmu Meats in the Okanagan Valley give their cattle red wine to enhance flavour Started out as an experiment, the product has created a major buzz, turning the duo into the talk of the culinary world

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▶ Farmers Janice Ravndahl and Darrel Timm starting feeding their cattle a litre of red wine a day to enhance the meat of their Red Angus.

Cheers to a contented cow club

Darrel Timm doesn't feed his cattle in the evening any more — their mooing kept him awake all night.

That's because their feed is laced with red wine — a litre a day each — which has made for some very happy cattle.

B.C. farmers Timm and his sister Janice Ravndahl are also pretty happy with the enthusiastic response of chefs and specialty stores to their Sezmu Meats.

Riley Bennett, chef at Mission Hill Winery's Terrace Restaurant near Kelowna, B.C., says their $24 short ribs and $27 striploins are very popular with patrons, who exclaim over the dark red colour of the meat and its taste.

"It tastes like real beef but more rich in the mouthful."
RILEY BENNETT, CHEF AT MISSION HILL WINERY'S TERRACE RESTAURANT

"The flavour is out there, second to none," says Bennett. "It tastes like real beef but more rich in the mouthful."

He is delighted to have the heavily marbled meat on his menu because it is a local success story which delights the diners.

"They are blown away that it is raised only 50 miles from the winery. It's the talk of the town."

Bennett, who is angling to have Mission Hill's red wines fed to the next crop of cattle, says the five-month experiment has shown him "it is one of those things that is going to be around a long time."

After a number of trials, they felt 90 days of wine drinking produced the greatest impact on meat flavour, says Ravndahl. After that, the cost of the wine starts making the price of the meat prohibitive. For example, a Sezmu Meats rib-eye sells for $35 a kilogram. In the early days, they made their own wine to help defray costs but found it too time consuming.

Now they source the wine, a Cabernet blend, from a variety of wineries near their Kelowna farm.

Although she has since heard of wine-fed beef in Australia, Ravndahl believes she is the only farmer in North America to do the same.

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Inspired by chef Ramsay

Inspired by chef Gordon Ramsay, who fed beer to his pigs, farmer Janice Ravndahl opted for wine being made right at her doorstep in the Okanagan Valley to enhance the meat of her Red Angus cattle.

She and brother Darrel Timm were only experimenting with a few animals when area chefs began calling.

"I thought, people are pretty excited and we haven't butchered our first cow," says Ravndahl, 36. "Maybe we are on to something here."

The wine flavour is most noticeable in the fatty parts of the beef, which taste "apple-y."

They've named their operation Sezmu Farms, after the Egyptian god of wine, and have 100 of their 300-head herd on the wine diet. To save time, the wine is mixed in with the animals' feed.

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Superfood: Gorgeous Ginger

A staple of Chinese medicine, ginger is well known for helping digestion and relieving upset stomachs.

Often referred to as a root, ginger is in the underground stem of the Zingiber plant. The fact it is rich in phytochemicals including gingerols, beta-carotene, curcumin and caffeic acid is a strong base for its therapeutic qualities. Ginger can be consumed fresh (grated), dried or crystallized (in sugar) and its poignant taste makes a delicious tea fragrance.

ROMINA MCGUINNESS

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Book for teen cooks

Today's teens are better informed about food than any previous generation, which is why Matthew Locricchio, a professional chef and award-winning cookbook writer, has complied a collection of more than 50 recipes — both cool and sophisticated — for these young, budding cooks. Teen Cuisine by Matthew Locricchio hits stores in September ($22.95/hardcover).

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Potential top pick eyes world juniors

Son of former Kings winger could go No. 1 in 2011 draft Focused on making national junior team

Sean Couturier's name has already been mentioned as a potential first overall pick in the 2011 NHL draft, but the 18-year-old centre doesn't want to think that far ahead just yet.

The American-born, Bathurst, N.B.-raised son of former Los Angeles Kings left-winger Sylvain Couturier is too busy trying to make Canada's team for the next world junior hockey championship in December in Buffalo, N.Y.

"It's pretty fun to be up there, but I try not to think about it," Couturier said Thursday on Day 2 of the Canadian junior team development camp at Mile One Centre in St. John's. "There's still a whole season to play."

Couturier and Saint John Sea Dogs defenceman Nathan Beaulieu are the only 18-year-old players in the 46-man camp who are eligible for the 2011 draft.

The only other undrafted player is Vancouver Giants defenceman Neil Manning, who was passed over by the 30 NHL clubs in June in Los Angeles.

Couturier won the Jean Beliveau Trophy as the scoring champion of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League with the Drummondville Voltigeurs last season with 41 goals and 55 assists in 68 games.

Family ties

Hockey runs in Sean Couturier's family.

- Couturier was born in 1992 in Phoenix, Ariz., where his father was playing for the Roadrunners of the defunct IHL.
- Sylvain Couturier had played 33 NHL games for the Kings, but spent most of his career in the minors and in Europe.
- Sylvain retired after a season in the Quebec senior league in 2000-01 and is now general manager of the Acadie-Bathurst Titan.

The six-foot-three forward was also plus-62 and has drawn rave reviews for consistent two-way play that is sometimes compared to either of the NHL's Staal brothers, Carolina's Eric or Pittsburgh's Jordan — particularly for his ability to shut down opposing centres.

"It's important for me to play a good defensive game," he said. "That's where all my offence starts — getting the puck out and going on attack.

"You want to be that guy at the end of the game that you can count on defensively to shut down and not get scored on. You always want to be in those key moments."

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▶ Brett Ponich, left, hooks Sean Couturier Thursday at the national junior team development camp.

Report that Armstrong knew of doping attacked

Lance Armstrong's lawyer has lashed out at a report that a former teammate of the seven-time Tour de France champion told investigators Armstrong knew of widespread performance-enhancing drug use on the U.S. Postal Service team.

Lawyer Bryan D. Daly said there are hundreds of former Armstrong teammates who would deny he broke the rules to win.

"To the extent that any riders are suggesting that Lance Armstrong violated cycling rules or doped, they are either mistaken or not telling the truth."
LAWYER BRYAN D. DALY

The New York Times reported in Thursday's edition that a cyclist, who was identified only as a former Armstrong teammate, backed up claims by Floyd Landis that the Postal Service team engaged in systematic doping with Armstrong's knowledge and approval.

The unidentified cyclist told the newspaper he had spoken with federal investigators looking into cheating in pro cycling.

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Sports in brief

Woods off to rough start

GOLF. Tiger Woods got off to an atrocious start Thursday at the Bridgestone Invitational on his way to a 4-over 74, his highest round ever at Firestone.

It also ended his streak of nine rounds at par or better on the tree-lined course.

Pedro says he won't return

BASEBALL. Pedro Martinez plans to stay retired despite offers the past two weeks from several teams. The three-time Cy Young Award winner says he turned them down but was flattered by the invitations.

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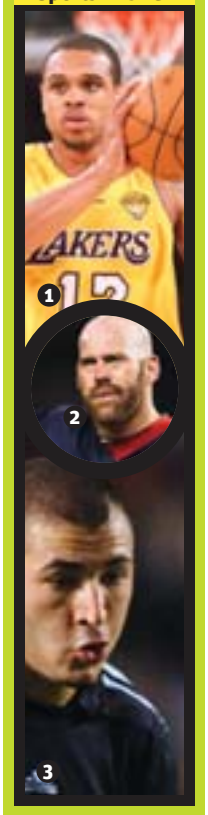

1 Shannon Brown is returning to the Lakers.

2 Kevin Youkilis done for the season with a torn muscle in his right thumb.

3 Karim Benzema returned to the France squad for next week's friendly.

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Scan code for more sports

Is Premiership's top spot up for grabs this year?

- Chelsea still favourites, but other teams are catching up with them
- Manchester City is now league's top-spending club after breaking bank

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▶ Ruud van Nistelrooy of Hamburg is challenged by Frank Lampard, Branislav Ivanovic and Ashley Cole of Chelsea during a friendly on Wednesday.

Chelsea faces what could be the most open Premier League for years when it tries to hold on to the title it won by just a single point last season.

The Blues are favourites but their near decade-long status as the biggest spender in football's richest league has been surpassed by Manchester City's reaction to last season's failure to reach the Champions League.

City looks set to be a contender after spending about 80 million pounds ($129 million) to bolster its squad and take its spending in two years past 300 million pounds ($484 million).

Manchester United has signed Mexico striker Javier Hernandez after finishing second last season, and Arsenal coach Arsene Wenger says his young side is finally ready to challenge for the title.

"The Premier League has got progressively harder to win," United striker Wayne Rooney said.

"In previous seasons, you might have had straightforward games where the top clubs could afford to rest players, but that's not the case anymore.

"Nowadays it's hard to leave players out because every game is competitive and difficult."

Predictions are even harder than usual because of new Premier League rules limiting squad sizes in an effort to wean clubs off big money transfers.

The ruling that teams must now draw from a pool of 25 players instead of a limitless supply could hit City especially hard, since it lists 38 first-team squad players on its website.

Since finishing fifth last season, City has bought Spain midfielder David Silva, Ivory Coast midfielder Yaya Toure, Serbia defender Alesksandar Kolarov and Germany defender Jerome Boateng.

"Yaya is one of the best midfielders in the world and for him to come to City shows the kind of ambition this club has," City midfielder Patrick Vieira said.

"We want to win trophies and I think we'll do it."

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Combined age of Manchester United veterans Ryan Giggs, Paul Scholes and Edwin van der Sar.

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▶ Mike Modano will play for Detroit next year.

Modano signs with Detroit

Mike Modano wanted to prove there is still a spot for him in the NHL.

The Detroit Red Wings are giving him a chance, agreeing to terms with the forward on a one-year contract.

"I was leaning toward retirement after the last two years took a lot out of me," Modano said Thursday night from Dallas in a telephone interview.

"But the Red Wings convinced me that a change of scenery would be good for me, and that helped me get my drive and passion back."

The 40-year-old Modano is expected to be on Detroit's third line with Jiri Hudler and Dan Cleary.

"I think it's going to be a great fit for him and for us," Red Wings general manager Ken Holland said.

"There's not going to be pressure on him to carry the team."

He has 557 goals and 1,359 points in his career, but is coming off his lowest-scoring season since 1995.

He had 14 goals and 30 points in 59 games, fading to being a fourth-line centre with the Dallas Stars.

The Livonia, Mich., native has the most points by an NHL player born in the United States. He was drafted No. 1 overall by the Minnesota North Stars and he had a stellar rookie season two years later.

The eight-time all-star led the Dallas Stars to the Stanley Cup title in 1999.

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Sports in brief

Minor leaguer suspended

BASEBALL. Outfielder Zachary Hurley of the Class-A Vancouver Canadians has been suspended for 50 games for a positive drug test.

He was one of six players penalized Thursday under baseball's minor league drug program.

Hurley tested positive for the performance-enhancing substance Methylhexaneamine.

Torre thinks Martin's done

MLB. Dodgers manager Joe Torre says he doesn't expect Canadian catcher Russell Martin to play the rest of the season.

Torre made his assessment Thursday, two days after the two-time all-star injured his hip during a game against San Diego.

Martin, of Chelsea, Que., was placed on the 15-day disabled list for the first time in five big league seasons on Wednesday because of a labrum tear in his right hip.

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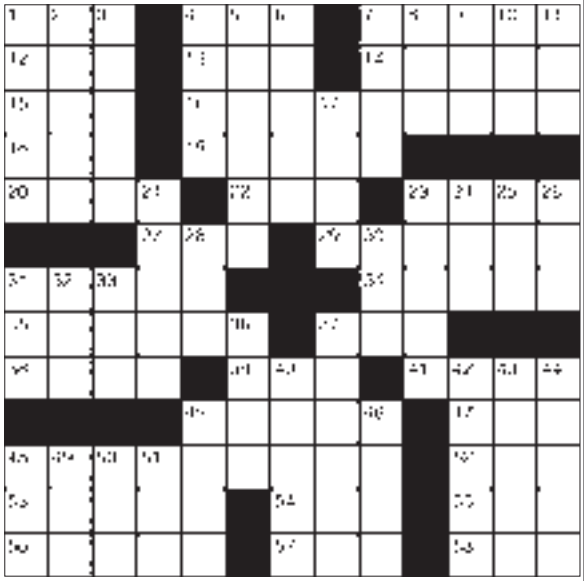

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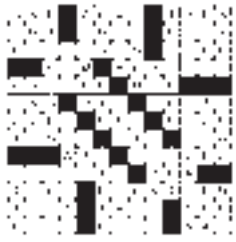
20 Firefighters' tools
22 Bk. before Jeremiah
23 Watercraft
27 Ford or Lincoln
29 — Beach, SC
31 Unoriginal ones
34 Have a home-cooked meal
35 Upholstery fabric
37 Wildebeest
38 Tabor
39 V.P. under G.R.F.
41 Scruff
45 "M*A*S*H" setting
47 Gun the engine
48 Hive heads
52 "Rocks"
53 Overact
54 Interlaken interjection
55 — Diego
56 Prom, e.g.
57 Bishopric
58 Tolkien creature

Down
1 Lakshmi of "Top Chef"
2 Wing
3 Theater, with "the"
4 Huron, e.g.
5 Panacea
6 Category
7 Treaty
8 Swelled head
9 Apprehend
10 Easter mo., usually
11 Grazing site
17 Glitz
21 "Get lost!"
23 Norelco competitor
24 Mel of baseball
25 — Baba
26 X rating?
28 Donkey
30 Longing
31 Toss in
32 Links stat
33 Ostrich's kin
36 Handle
37 Where the Olympics originated
40 Vicinities
42 Obey reveille
43 Hickory nut
44 Occurrence
45 Dandling locale
46 Arthur of tennis
48 Proof abbr.
49 Ms. Thurman
50 Very long time
51 And so on (Abbr.)

▶ Yesterday's answer



Sudoku

3		5		9		7	6	
	7	6						
			4					3
7		2	5					
6			9		8			5
					3	4		1
9					1			
						6	1	
	4	1		3		5		9

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

6	2	9	5	3	7	1	8	4
8	1	7	9	4	2	6	5	3
5	4	3	6	1	8	2	7	9
1	7	8	3	6	5	4	9	2
4	5	2	8	9	1	3	6	7
9	3	6	7	2	4	5	1	8
2	8	5	1	7	3	9	4	6
7	6	4	2	5	9	8	3	1
3	9	1	4	8	6	7	2	5

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOEY GHATTAS! So glad to have known you these past 6 years and to have been through all we have together. Remember, you don't need no rockin' chaaaaair! **JESSE"**

I love you, chicken wing. **LOVE SAB**

To my king yes i will marry you. **YOUR QUEEN**

GWEEDO, Who would've thought that our friendship would grow into love. You're my best friend and knight in shining armor. Tomorrow marks the day we fell in love. May our days turn into months, months into years and continue for many more!! HAPPY 4 YEAR ANNIVERSARY!! Love u always, **SWEETIE**

Dear MCG, thank you for these past 7 months. they have been the brightest and happiest months of my life. happy birthday! hopefully today i'll be able to make your day. i love you. **TSG**

Today's horoscope

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WE'RE PROUD TO BE ONE OF CANADA'S TOP EMPLOYERS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

♈ Aries March 21-April 19 Do you lack ambition? Of course not, but that does not mean you have to work 16 hours a day to get ahead in the world. You've heard the phrase "Work smarter, not harder".

♉ Taurus April 20-May 21 Setbacks are testing your commitment and if you are not entirely sure you are on the right track you may be tempted to give up. Don't!

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Whatever your duties and commitments today you must also find time to do the things that you enjoy. It may be difficult to let your hair down and enjoy yourself, but difficult and impossible are not the same things.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You can sit at home brooding on what's gone wrong, or you can get up, go out and find ways to have fun. Get together with people who bring a smile to your face.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Both at home and at work you will find things come easier to you today than they have done for quite some time, and they will come easier still if you make an effort to make things happen.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Certain people may be obstructive and there may be times when you come close to losing your temper, but that is exactly what they are hoping you will do. Stay calm and don't give them any excuse to retaliate.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Important people will look on you favourably if you stick to what you know, but they will see right through you if you pretend to be what you are not.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 If someone annoys you today you must let them know that if they continue along their current negative path you will come down on them hard. Are you being too tough? No, you can't be tough enough.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You need to remind yourself how much is possible and how good life can be when you choose light over dark in everything you do. The world is still a wonderful place, not least because you are in it.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 A little bit of deception may be no bad thing today, especially if the person you are dealing with is somewhat emotional by nature. Why worry them with reality when you can cheer them with uplifting stories?

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 The cracks in a working partnership are getting a bit too wide to ignore, so make it your main aim today to either close up the gap or end the liaison once and for all.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Few things happen in life purely by chance and if you keep that thought in mind today you may see the links between a series of apparently random events.

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